Dear Ms. Medford’s Class,

I hope you all enjoyed your holiday and I hope you love playing with your new toys. Mrs. Claus and I are resting after a busy holiday season. I heard that your second grade class read the book My Penguin Osbert. Remember? This is the one where the little boy in the story asked for a penguin for Christmas. I was able to give Joe a penguin named Osbert, and also 17 other penguins to boys and girls around the United States. Not long after Christmas, I got a letter from Joe asking if he could swap presents. I guess Joe found out that it isn’t so easy to take care of a penguin. I sent Joe a red sweater and two tickets to Antarctic World. I just heard that Osbert decided to make Antarctic World his new home because it was cold, there were lots of other penguins there, and they served herring, Osbert’s favorite food.

I also received a letter from a girl in Florida who is having trouble taking care of her new penguin. The elves and I were so busy during the delivery of all the presents I cannot remember which type of penguin I sent her. I found out that the students in your class are studying about penguins. Mrs. Claus and I are taking a much-needed rest after such a hectic delivery schedule, so I wanted to know if your students would do me a favor. During your research, can you please find out what type of penguin I delivered to her and where I need to return it (where do other penguins like this one live)? I also need to know about the food we might need to feed it, in case it gets hungry on the trip back home. I am sending you a picture of the penguin. If you can write me back giving me this information, I can make plans to return this penguin to his home.

Thank you very much,

Santa